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From these slices, values of $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$, $\sigma_x - \sigma_z$ and $\sigma_y - \sigma_z$ may be determined. The direction of the applied load and shape of the model determine the direction of the principal stresses. A slice from the XY plane would show a fringe pattern dependent on the average value of $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$, while Z changed from Z to Z plus the thickness of the slice. If $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$ is not a linear function of Z, the value obtained is not the exact value for the midpoint of the slice. This error can practically be eliminated by making the thickness of the slices small and also by determining $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$ for various values of Z and joining the values obtained by a smooth curve.

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	Young's Modulus	Stress Equivalent of 1 Fringe
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110°C	1100 lbs/sq in	3.32 lbs/in (Tension)

The modulus of elasticity at room temperature was determined from a beam simply supported, 6 inches between supports. The deflection was measured to the nearest .001. Stress plotted against strain gave a straight line, the slope of which was the modulus of elasticity. The modulus of elasticity at 110°C was obtained in a similar manner and was also checked, using a tension member. The results from the two tests checked within 1%. The tension piece was .183" wide, .324" thick and 2" gage length. The stress strain curve in Figure 12 is a result of this test. Scribe marks

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The large deformation introduces some uncertainty as to the significance of these results. A load of 50 pounds was applied in order to have a suitable number of fringes in thin slices. The fringe pattern from representative sections in the XZ and YZ planes are shown in Figure 8. These results show one interesting point; namely (neglecting ends where stress is concentrated due to sharp edge of the roller), the maximum shear stress

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rather than to measure it in the third plane.

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representative sections in the XZ and YZ planes are shown in Figure 8. These

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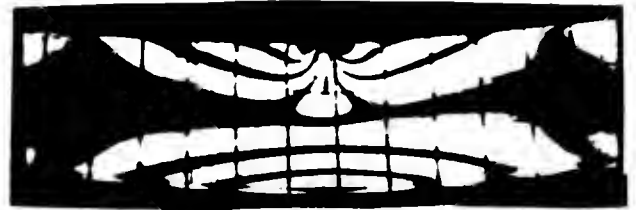


FIGURE 4



FIGURE 2



FIGURE 5



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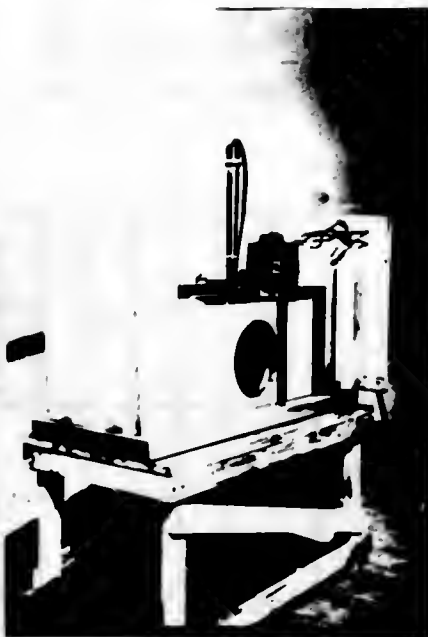


FIGURE 6. OIL BATH USED FOR HEATING MODELS



FIGURE 7 LOADING DEVICE

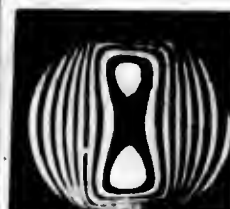


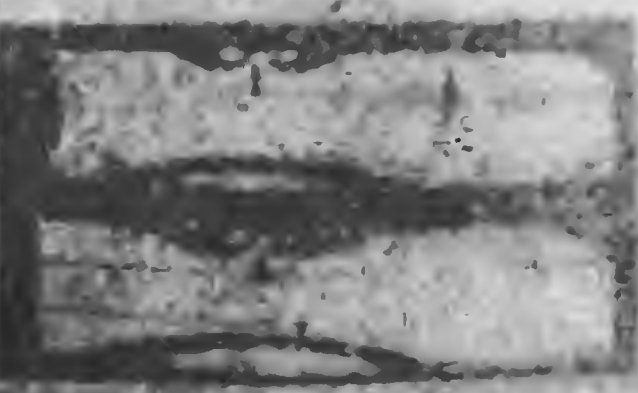
FIGURE 8. FRINGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SLICES CUT FROM MODEL



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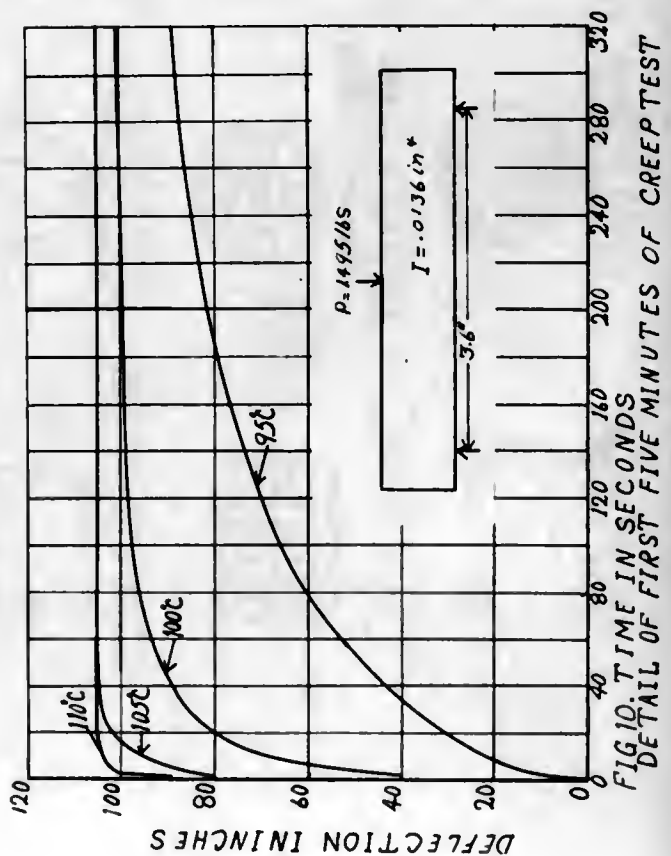
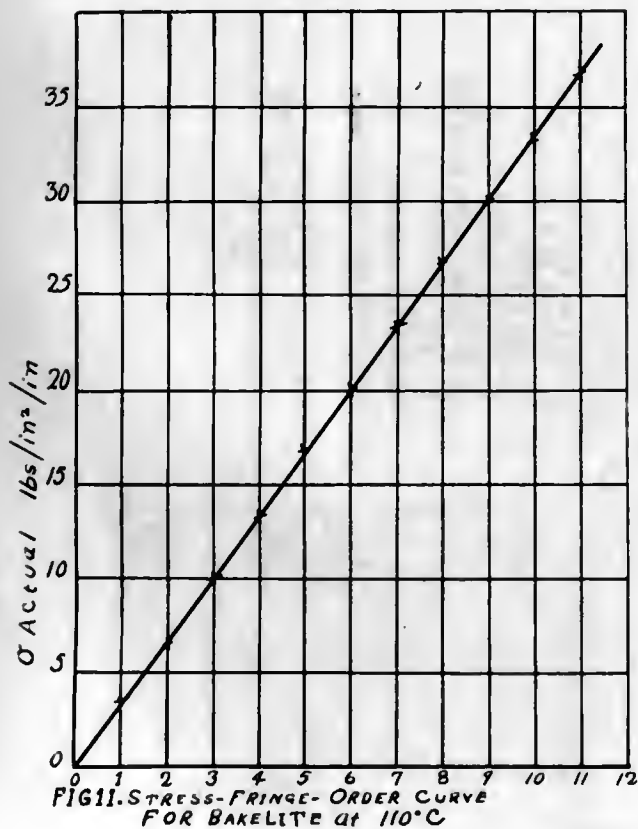
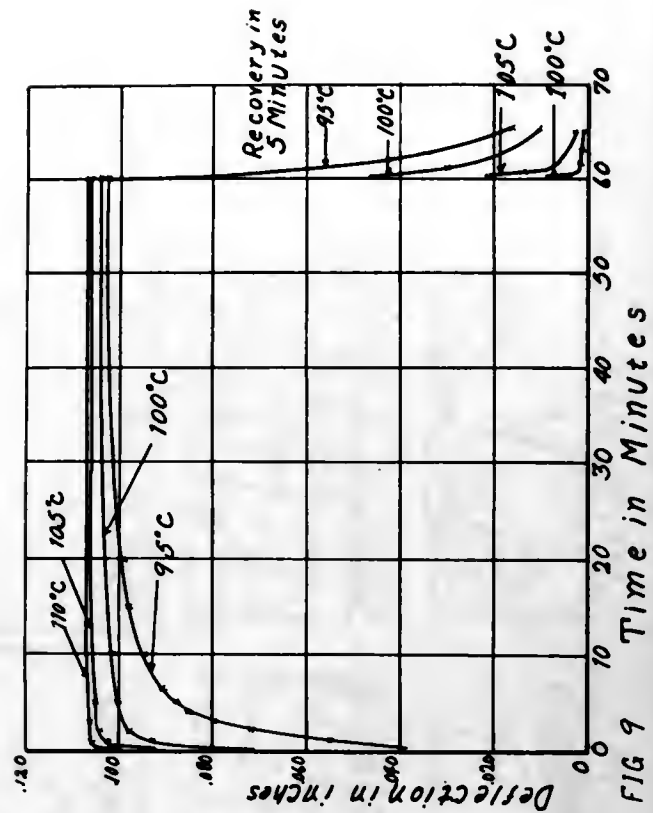
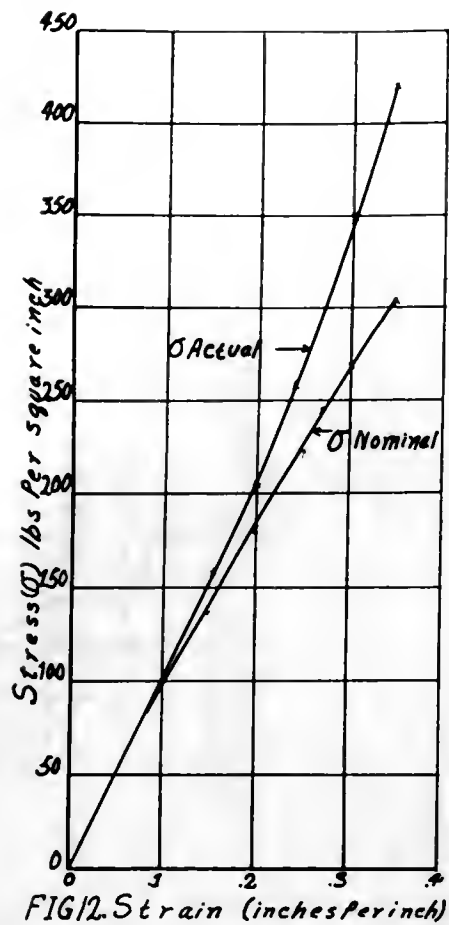
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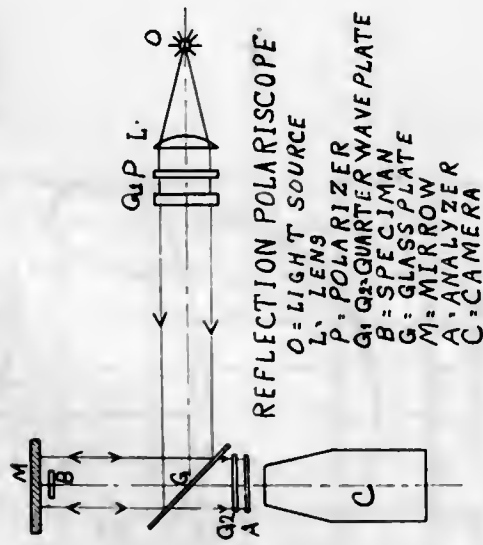


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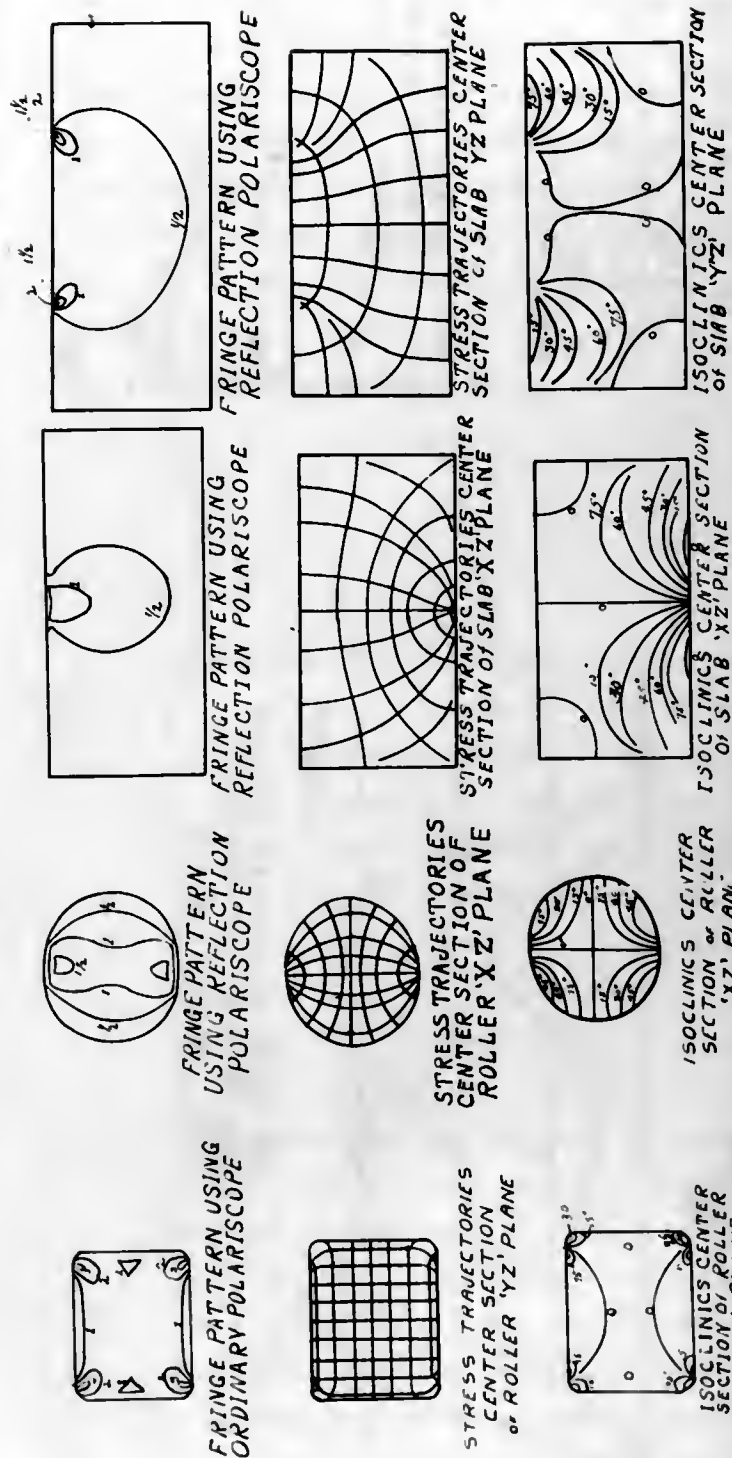
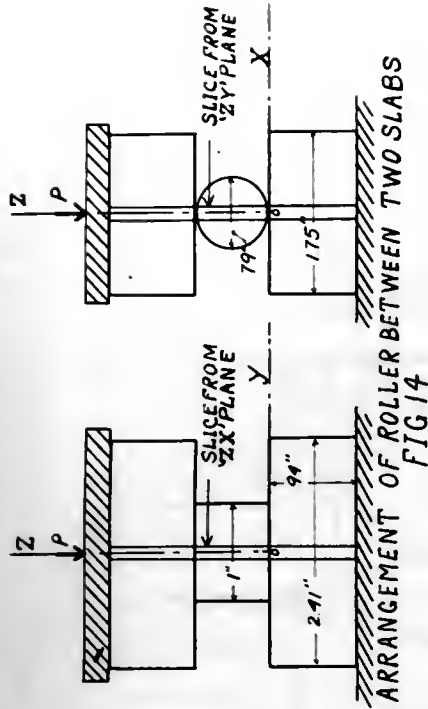


FIG 15. FRINGE PATTERNS, STRESS TRAJECTORIES AND ISOCLINICS FROM REPRESENTATIVE SLICES OF ROLLER AND SLAB 'P' = 16 LBS



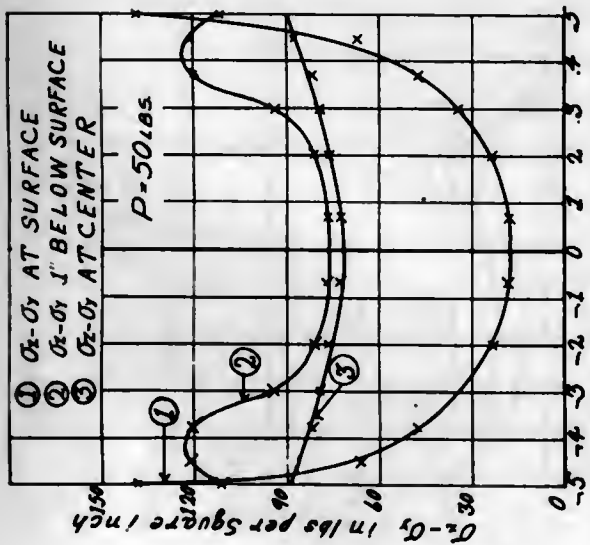


FIG 16 y' (inches)
 $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$ in the roller

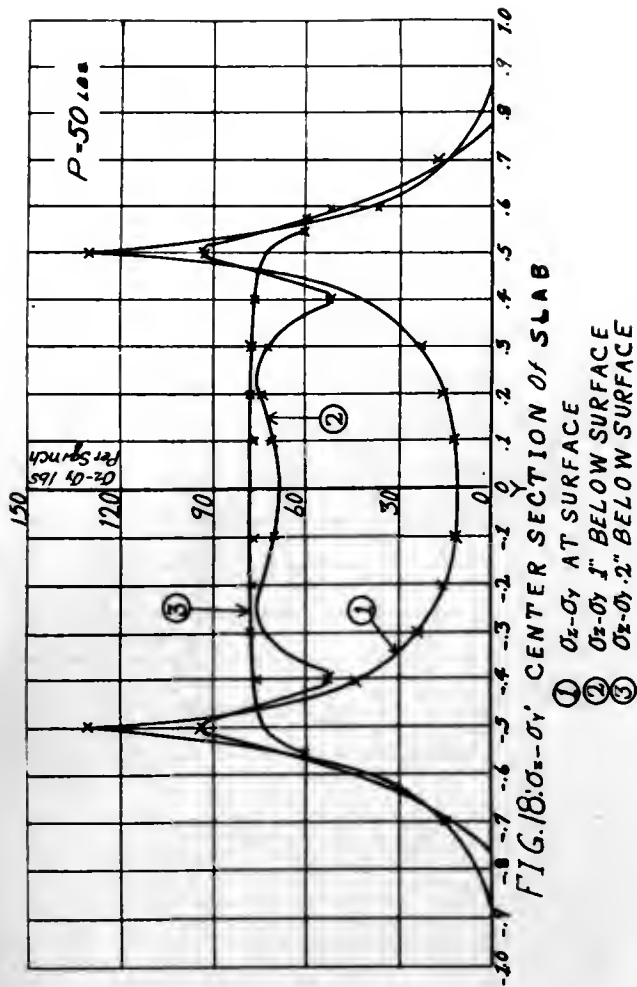


FIG 18 $\sigma_x - \sigma_y$ CENTER SECTION OF SLAB

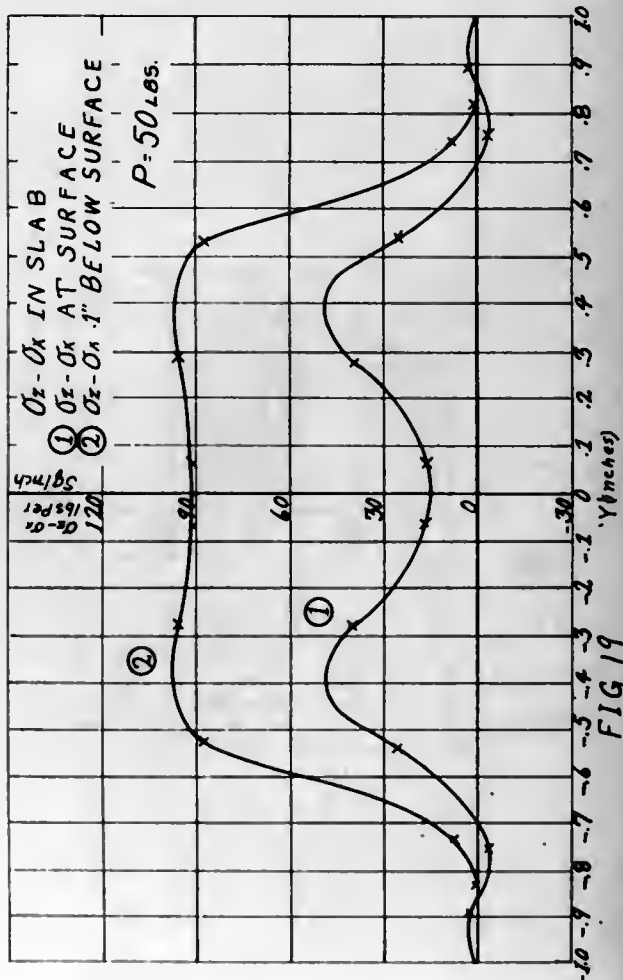


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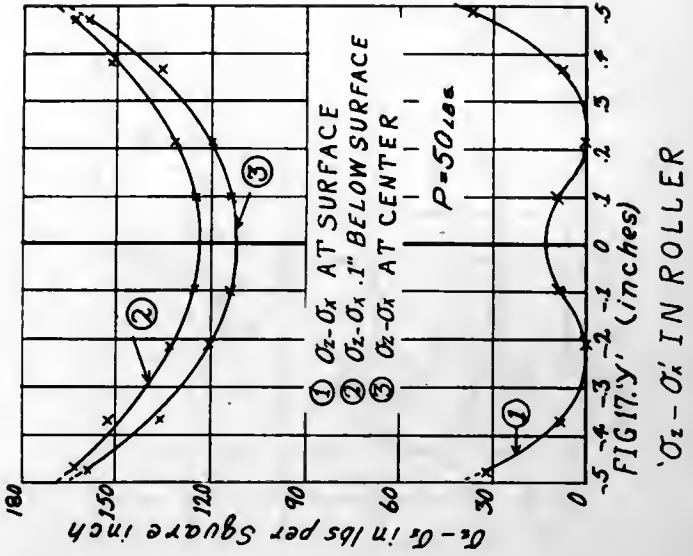
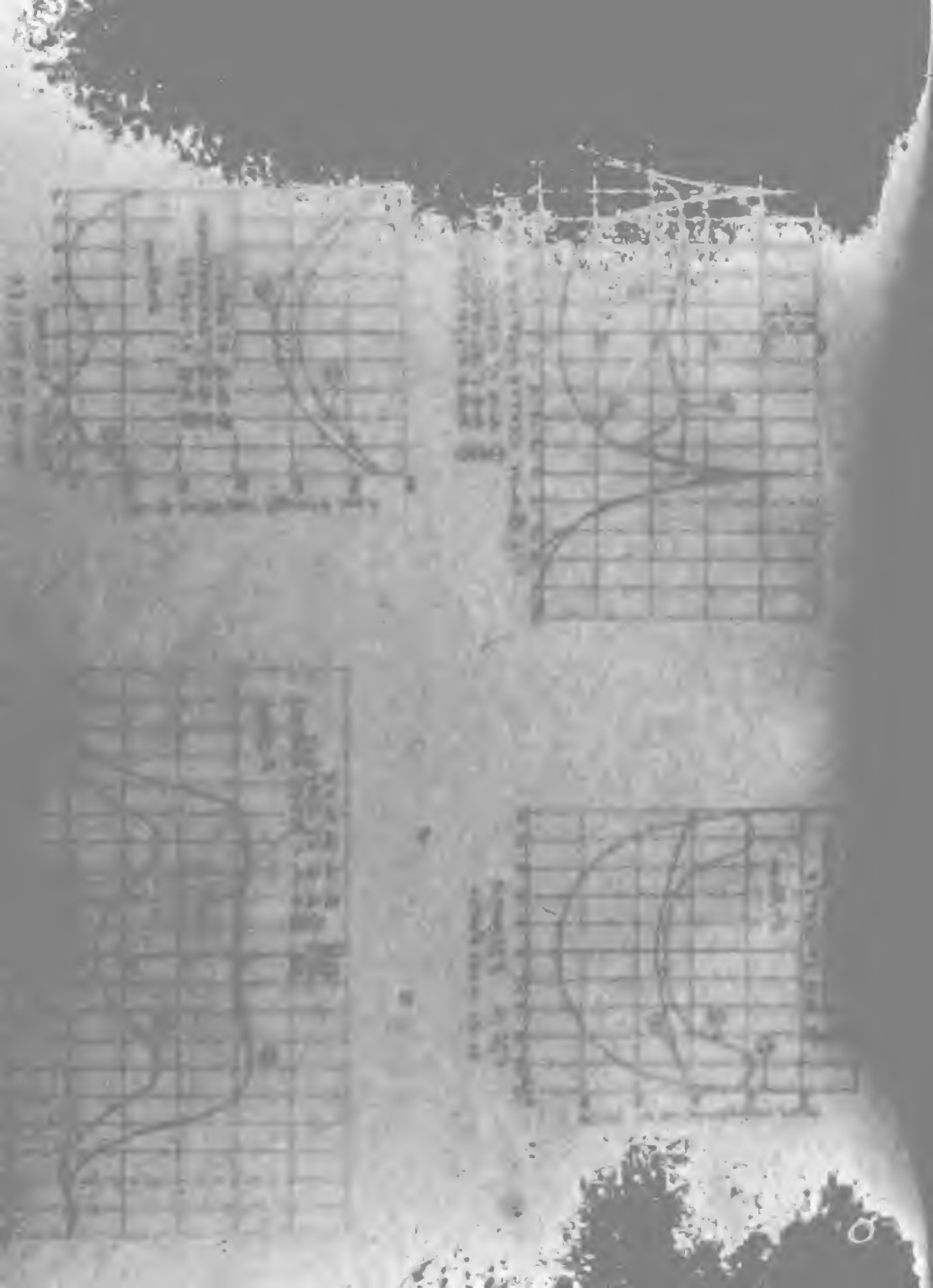
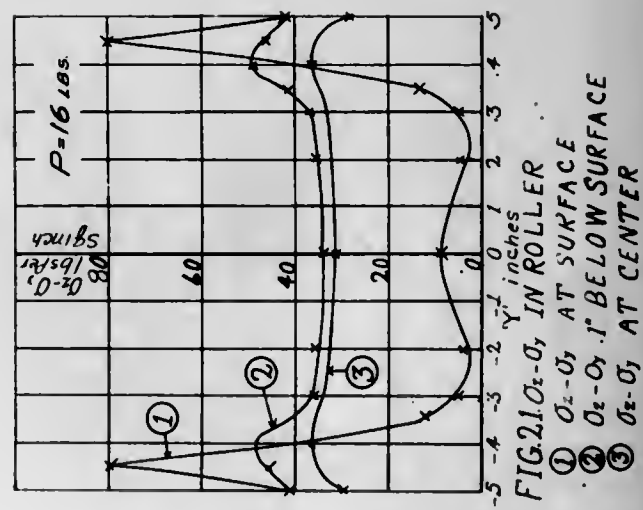
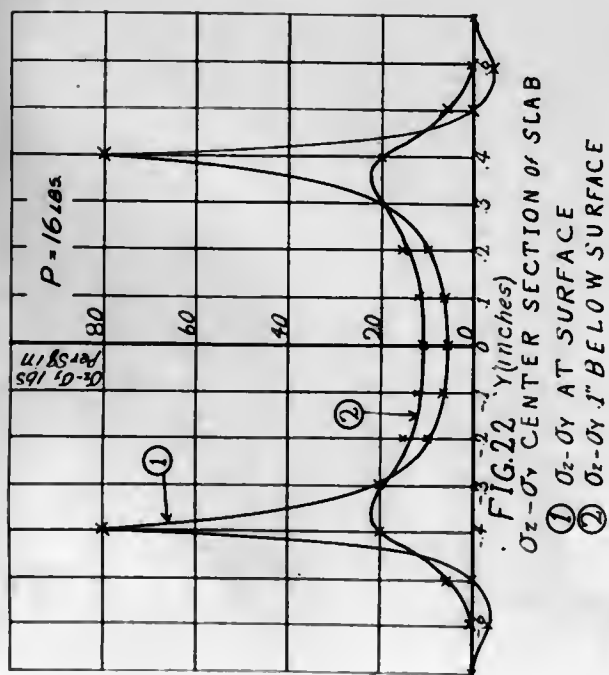
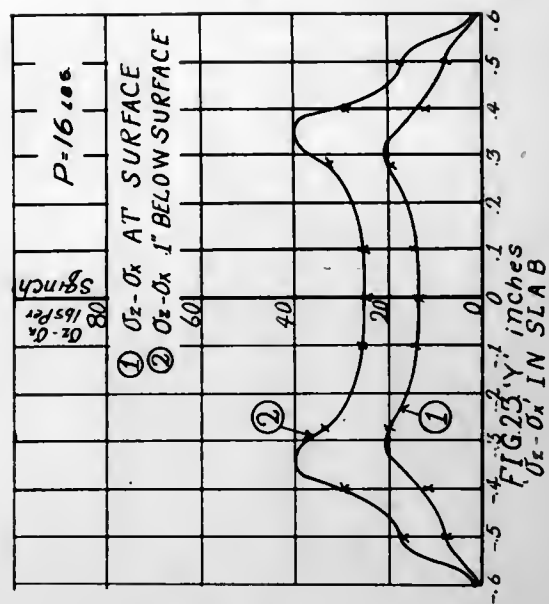
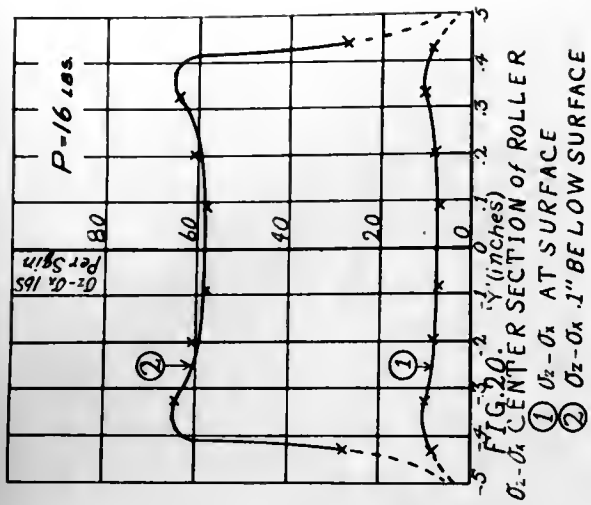
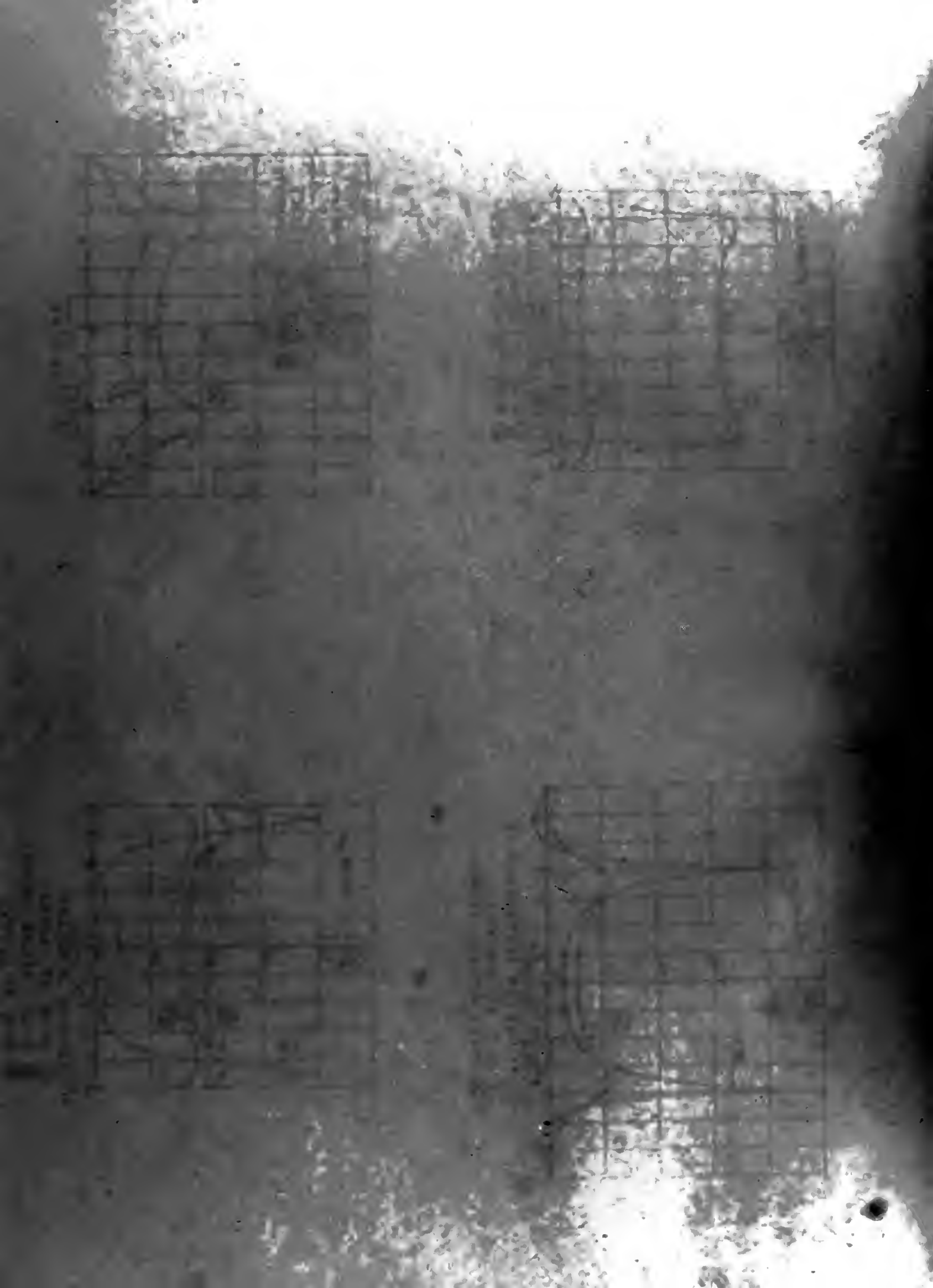


FIG 17 y' (inches)
 $\sigma_z - \sigma_x$ IN ROLLER







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